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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were one cent lower in the West, generally unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment ranged about steady to instances weak. Retail demand was light to fair with improvements noted for late week. Food service was fair to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were in better balance than a week earlier. Wings were becoming more available. All other items were at least adequate for the fair to moderate buyer interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights ranging desirable to heavy.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/04-10/09/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	47.00-48.00	47.65	17	50.48	24
Chicago	40.00-44.00	44.55	52	48.10	89
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	54.53	26
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	57.62	13
Denver	63.50	63.43	17	62.47	37
Detroit	41.00-45.00	45.02	11	48.33	48
Los Angeles	64.00	63.15	56	60.41	141
New York	42.00-48.00	44.20	50	47.73	85
Philadelphia	40.00-45.00	44.00	7	46.69	26
Pittsburgh	42.50-45.00	43.80	10	51.31	60
St. Louis	44.50-45.00	44.18	20	47.18	42
San Francisco	64.50	63.22	34	63.53	98

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	10/04/99	Change/Last Wk	09/27/99	10/05/98
689	53.01	-1.45	54.46	68.19

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	47.00-54.00	49.31	40
Central	46.00-52.00	51.36	57
West	45.00-67.00	57.85	54
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	55.00-58.00	57.12	81

### GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 59.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,182	40.00-61.50	57.45

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	153.50	4,212
BREASTS - WHOLE	71.00	2,105
THIGH MEAT - B/S	58.00	574
LEG QUARTERS	19.50	9,079
WINGS	58.00	3,056

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**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was light to moderate, mostly fair with some improvements noted for late week. Supplies were generally sufficient for immediate trade needs. In the parts structure, supplies of bone-in breasts were in better balance. Wings were adequate to fully adequate. All other parts were at least sufficient for the mostly fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to heavy.

**WEST COAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The final majority prices were 1 cent lower than last reported. Offerings were adequate to ample, with heavy weights in the longest position. Demand was fair to good, best to cover first-of-the-month anticipated needs. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 44.81 up 3.72 with the volume reported down 8 percent at 22 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices for this week's deliveries into St. Louis and Chicago were generally unchanged, 2 cents higher into Detroit and TFEWR into Ohio from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady to barely steady with additional offerings limited. Retail demand was slow to moderate at best. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Floor stocks were at least adequate with sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading was fair overall with best interest on leg quarters and boneless/skinless breasts. Supplies were adequate to ample. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on wings, about steady on the balance.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was spotty. Offerings were generally adequate and easily covered demand. Retail and distributive movement was about moderate with dealers looking for an improved call as the weekend approaches. The market tone was about steady. In the parts market, product was in good balance to cover current trade requirements with promotional activity hoped to stimulate some additional consumer buying.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was about moderate through the weekend. Seller offerings were fully adequate, instances ample for immediate delivery. Live supplies were mostly moderate weights varied in a range of light to heavy, and were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady and cautious. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate for the fair to moderate buying interest. \*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA. **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	46-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	52.35
NO. OF BOXES	8,433

\*6 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest was mixed, but mostly about moderate. Offerings were in good balance to easily handle current trade requirements. Retail and distributive movement was fair and expected to improve as the week progresses. Promotional activity both planned and in progress was hoped to stimulate some consumer buying. The market tone remained cautiously steady.  
 PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED  
 BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	140.86	441,920
TENDERLOINS	150	154.96	53,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	54-55	68.09	569,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	54	54.44	118,600
LEGS	25-26	30.97	233,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15-16	16.57	252,669
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	32.38	120,670
THIGHS	18-19	27.59	108,480
B/S THIGHS	69-70	71.40	49,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	56-57	64.14	200,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04	22,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	59.88	31,616
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	49.86	57,360

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).  
 \* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.  
 \*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	522	115.00-172.00	125-135	129.29
TENDERLOINS	149	160.00-196.00	-	168.64
BREAST - WITH RIBS	320	56.00-58.00	56	56.50
FRONT HALVES	680	43.00-63.00	45-46	45.06
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	254	15.00-19.00	15	15.85
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,745	17.00-21.00	17-18	17.90
WINGS (WHOLE)	256	40.00-58.00	48-51	48.61
DRUMSTICKS	136	30.00-45.00	30	31.73
THIGHS	NO TRADING REPORTED			

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/04	09/30	09/30	09/27	09/23
ALA	3,868	3,794	5.16	3,840	5.14
ARK	5,000	5,223	4.62	5,405	4.84
DELMARVA	2,420	2,430	5.04	2,412	5.07
KY-LA-TN	1,768	1,603	4.43	1,762	4.38
MISS	2,744	2,812	5.09	2,727	4.93
NC	2,580	2,167	5.98	2,351	5.66
TEXAS	2,080	2,077	4.69	2,047	4.69
TOTAL	20,460	20,106	4.98	20,544	4.98
MON	20,460(A)			20,544(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.  
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Oct 1999 is estimated to be 30,610,000 down 0.71 percent from a week ago and up 3.72 percent from a year ago.  
 (Last week 30,828,000, last year 29,512,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	519	130.00-175.50	130-135	138.63
TENDERLOINS	124	150.00-200.00	-	190.24
BREAST - LINE RUN	101	60.00-84.50	60-61	61.21
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	236	15.00-18.00	15-17	16.81
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,145	18.00-21.25	18-19	18.58
WINGS (WHOLE)	117	51.00-58.00	51-52	54.28
WINGS (CUT)	401	64.00-74.00	64-65	66.51
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	121	48.00-68.00	-	54.12

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCTOBER 04, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	29.50 - 31.00	30.18

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION PARTS** PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 10/04-10/08/99

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 165.00	130.00 - 140.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	56.00 - 64.00	58.00 - 60.00
LEGS	28.50 - 36.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	12.00 - 23.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	22.00 - 50.00	25.00 - 28.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	49.00 - 68.00	51.00 - 53.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 12.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 60.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30.00 - 42.50	-

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

CENTS PER POUND. RANGE

WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	76-91
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	78-96
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	88-93
FROZEN DUCKS	145-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589

**DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	80-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	107
	ICE PACK	91-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	112
	ICE PACK	104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91-92
DUCKS		149-166

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. OCTOBER 01,1999

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-18.00	18.50	17.00-18.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.67	18.50	17.50	

1,198,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	17.50-18.00	-	16.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE		17.75		16.55

520,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-17.00	18.00	13.00-14.00	13.00-16.50
WTD AVERAGE	16.42	18.00	13.26	14.78

2,118,100 pounds, this includes 560,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	13.50	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.50	

120,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.  
\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Prices were lower compared to the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were at or near capacity. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-OCT-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19.5	10-12	12.66

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. OCTOBER 01,1999

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	19.00	19.00-21.00	13.50-15.00	15.00
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	19.40	14.00	15.00

265,200 pounds, this includes 40,800 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	14.50	15.50	10.00-14.00	13.00-15.50
WTD AVERAGE	14.50	15.50	11.27	15.08

2,487,800 pounds, this includes 1,508,600 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	14.75
WTD AVERAGE				14.75

285,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.  
\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority trading was unchanged to sharply lower when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for a fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as being full. The undertone was no better than steady at prevailing values. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-OCT-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-17	7.75-14.5	10.86
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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